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Iowa Receives Federal Grant Boost To Fight Drug Abuse

The Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) has received six federal grants totaling nearly \$2.8 million for special projects to address emerging issues and underserved drug prevention, treatment and enforcement needs in Iowa beginning in 2010.

"We requested additional federal resources to better serve Iowans and strategically target priorities identified by our office," said ODCP Director Gary Kendell, who expressed his appreciation to members of Iowa's congressional delegation for their support. "At a time when state and local budgets are strained, these new federal grants become even more important to the State's overall drug control efforts."

"Thanks to the leadership of the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy and Director Kendell, I'm able to work with colleagues to help meet Iowa needs that include combating methamphetamine and protecting children from drug abusers," said Congressman Leonard Boswell, a long-time supporter of anti-meth efforts and the Iowa Alliance for Drug Endangered Children program. "A collaborative local-state-federal response is often required to successfully reduce drug trafficking and abuse, and coordination by an agency like the Office of Drug Control Policy facilitates tremendous cooperation in Iowa."

The newly received FFY 2009 drug control grants, and the Iowa projects they will support, include:

- \$750,000 [U.S. Department of Justice, COPS Meth program]...to develop and implement a Pseudoephedrine Verification Network, a real-time electronic database to connect Iowa pharmacies and assist state and local law enforcement in detecting illegal over-the-limit purchases. The new system aims to reduce the resurging number of dangerous meth labs, by curbing "smurfing," or pharmacy-hopping by meth cooks who now buy pseudoephedrine at several locations until they have enough to make meth. The new system is expected to be operational by July.

- \$750,000 [U.S. Department of Justice, COPS Meth program]...for Meth and Other Drug Enforcement efforts at the state and local levels. This grant will help pay for investigative equipment, meth lab detection and response materials and officer overtime.
- \$500,000 [U.S. Department of Justice, COPS Meth program]...for Drug Intercept Squad initiatives. This grant will pay for overtime and specialized equipment to support local and state drug enforcement officers and the Iowa State Patrol in coordinated drug interdiction operations involving key transportation corridors and centers.
- \$370,000 [U.S. Department of Education]...for local coalitions to work with five Iowa community colleges on Reducing Underage Drinking and its associated risks. Community grants will support environmental prevention programming and the development of social marketing campaigns targeting students. The grant also makes it possible to conduct the core drug and alcohol use survey on a total of ten Iowa community college campuses.
- \$200,000 [U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention]...to support local Drug Endangered Children alliances in their efforts to work collaboratively to protect Iowa youth from parental/guardian drug abuse and related problems. Mini-grants will be awarded to local teams for such things as the development of protocols and drug test kits to assess the needs of children endangered by family drug abuse.
- \$200,000 [U.S. Department of Justice, COPS Meth program]...to help connect Iowans in need of substance abuse services with the appropriate provider(s) in their community. This grant will support enhancements to the Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center and its 24/7 toll-free helpline (866-242-4111) and website (www.drugfreeinfo.org).